(c) and (d) No such allegations have been reported to us. The question of handing over the road to Border Roads Organisation has been referred to the State Government for their concurrence. The Government is however keen to complete the road by 1990-91.

Approval to Ring Road in Jabalpur

3244. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the construction work on Ring Road in Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh has been pending for years; if so, whether this scheme has since been approved by the Central Government;

(b) if so, when it was approved and what are the reasons for delay in its implementation;

(c) what is the estimated cost of this scheme and the amount sanctioned and allocated, so far; and

(d) by when the construction work is expected to be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) Of the 22.4 Km length of the Bypass, work of 5.9 Kms forming approaches to the aquaduct cum high level bridge across Tilwaraghat sanctioned for Rs. 177 lakhs in February 1985 is in progress. Alignment for remaining length has since been approved and land acquisition estimate sanctioned for Rs. 78.88 lakhs in June 1988. Acquisition proceedings are in progress. Construction work is expected to be taken up during the 8th Plan.

Sale of railway land in Bombay

3245. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to sell the railway land or to build commercial complexes thereon in Bombay, in order to raise resources; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the said projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) There is no proposal to sell railway land in Bombay area. There is, however, a proposal to undertake a pilot project of building a railway office-cum-commercial complex on railway and at Bandra with a view to commercially exploit the airspace and generate resources for development of major railway projects in Bombay area.

Handing over of handling job to British Airways at London by the Air India

3246. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 4236 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether Government's decision to contract out passenger and ramp handling in London to British Airways would lead to retrenchment of a large number of Air India staff; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for taking this decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) For some years Air India had been unsuccessfully trying to obtain more check in counters at Heathrow Airport, London. It was also found necessary to augment the work force and invest in additional ground handling equipment at considerable cost to cater to the demands of increased Air India operations to London. Therefore, it was

decided to handover the passenger and ramp handling to British Airways who have adequate counter space and staff at Heathrow to handle the flights of Air-India with effect from 10.11.88.

As result of this decision, the work force of Air-India had to be reduced. 40 Air India employees and 6 European airhostesses based at London have volunteered for being declared redundant; compulsory redundancy is being effected in the case of 38 employees, thus making a total of 94 employees whose services will be dispensed with.

Fleet of AIR India

3247. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 680 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th November, 1988 and state:

(a) what is the workforce employed by Air India for its fleet and in what manner it compares with other international carriers, in terms of manpower and labour productivity, stating the percentage of the workforce considered to be surplus;

(b) what is the annual expenditure incurred on the surplus workforce; and

(c) in what manner the surplus workforce is gainfully utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The workforce employed by Air India for its fleet size (24 ACFT) is more than other International Airlines because unlike other carriers, Air India does not give certain jobs on contract to outside parties, nor does it have subsidiaries for maintenance or ground handling. Air India's workforce also includes staff for security arrangements, Civil works and properties, transport for staff/crew, canteen facilities etc.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Members of the Executive Councils of Universities

3248. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of persons, alongwith their qualifications and designations, who have been nominated as members of the Executive Council of the Delhi University, Aligarh Muslim University, and Jawahar Lal Nehru University; during the last five years; and

(b) what is the number of persons who have been in the service of these universities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Assistance to Chukha Hydel Project

@3249. SHRI BAIKUNTHNATH SAHU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided assistance for the Chukha hydel project in Bhutan;

(b) if so, the extent thereof; and

(c) whether Government have a proposal to buy power from that country; and if so, what are the details of the agreement signed between India and Bhutan for the purpose?

@Previously Unstarred Question 2861, transferred from the 5th December, 1988.